

AN ORDINANCE relating to boating regulations;  
repealing Resolution 28232, Section 1 and KCC  
12.44.010, Resolution 12260, Section 1 and KCC  
12.44.070, Resolution 26194 and KCC 12.44.080,  
Resolution 28232, Section 6 and KCC 12.44.090,  
Resolution 28232, Section 20 as amended by  
Resolution 30262 and KCC 12.44.230, and Resolution  
28232, Section 24 and KCC 12.44.300 and adding new  
sections to Resolution 28232 and Chapter 12.44 KCC.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

There are added to Resolution 28232 and Chapter 12.44 KCC new  
sections to read as follow:

SECTION 1. The County of King in the exercise of its police  
power, hereby assumes control and jurisdiction over all lakes, rivers  
and all other waters within unincorporated areas inside its  
geographical boundaries.

SECTION 2. Except on lakes otherwise specifically provided for  
in this Chapter, no motor powered watercraft shall be operated on  
any lake within King County at a speed in excess of eight miles per  
hour.

SECTION 3. Except as otherwise specifically provided for in  
this Chapter, no motor powered watercraft shall be operated on any  
river within King County at a speed in excess of five miles per hour.

SECTION 4. Except as otherwise specifically provided for in  
this Chapter it shall be unlawful for any person to operate any  
watercraft or vessel at a speed in excess of eight miles per hour  
within one hundred yards of any shoreline, pier, restricted area or  
shore installation on Lake Washington or Lake Sammamish.

SECTION 5. Water skiing on King County lakes and rivers shall  
be regulated as follows:

(1) No watercraft which shall have in tow a person on  
water skis, aquaplane, surfboard or similar contrivance shall be  
operated or propelled in the waters of King County unless such  
watercraft shall be occupied by at least two competent persons.

(2) It shall be unlawful to water-ski within one hundred  
yards of shore. Water skiers may start at and return to shore by  
means of the most expeditious route. For purposes of starting at

1 and returning to shore, water skiers may temporarily exceed the  
2 speed limit of eight miles per hour.

3 (3) No operator of a water craft shall have in tow a  
4 person on water skis, aquaplane, surfboard or similar contrivance  
5 from sunset to sunrise.

6 (4) All persons being towed by watercraft shall wear an  
7 adequate flotation device.

8 (5) All watercraft having in tow or otherwise assisting  
9 a person on water skis, aquaplanes, surfboards or similar contrivance  
10 shall comply with Sections 12.44.040, 12.44.050 and 12.44.060 of the  
11 King County Code.

12 (6) Regulations stated in subsections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of  
13 this section shall not apply to watercraft used in water ski tourna-  
14 ments, competitions, expositions, or trials therefor, which have  
15 been duly authorized by the King County Department of Public Safety.

16 (7) The provisions of subsection 1 of this section shall  
17 not apply in the case of a watercraft that is so constructed as to  
18 be able to carry the operator or any person in or on the same, and  
19 is equipped with an automatic engine shut-off device which will  
20 cause the engine to stop instantly when the operator is disengaged  
21 from the control handles to such watercraft.

22 SECTION 6. Nothing in the provisions of this Chapter shall be  
23 construed to mean that the operator of a watercraft competing in a  
24 race or regatta, or trials therefore which has been duly authorized  
25 by the King County Department of Public Safety, or an operator  
26 engaged in industrial development and testing of experimental and  
27 production watercraft and vessels, shall be prohibited from attempt-  
28 ing to obtain high speeds on racing and testing courses, duly  
29 designated by the King County Department of Public Safety, nor while  
30 so engaged, shall such watercraft, vessels or operators be required  
31 to comply with KCC 12.44.260 and 12.44.280 and Sections 2, 3 and 4  
32 of this ordinance.

1 SECTION 7. If any license, permit or authority which may be  
2 granted under this Chapter is denied, such denial may be appealed  
3 to the King County Board of Appeals by filing written notice of  
4 such appeal with the Office of the Administrator-Clerk of the Council  
5 within ten days of such denial.

6 SECTION 8. Section 1, Resolution 28232 and KCC 12.44.010,  
7 Section 1, Resolution 12260 and KCC 12.44.070, Resolution 26194 and  
8 KCC 12.44.080, Section 6, Resolution 28232 and KCC 12.44.090, Section  
9 20, Resolution 28232 as amended by Resolution 30262 and KCC 12.44.230,  
10 Section 24, Resolution 28232 and KCC 12.44.300 are each repealed.

11 PASSED by the Council at a regular meeting thereof on the  
12 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1972.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Gregory J. Dwyer  
Chairman

16 ATTEST:

17 Lee Kraft  
18 Administrator-Clerk of the Council

20 APPROVED this 23<sup>d</sup> day of May, 1972.

John D. Holman  
King County Executive